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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman McKeon and Ranking Member Smith,

Recently, a situation has been brought to my attention that affects troops and their families in my district and across the globe. Personally owned vehicles that belong to military families moving from one duty assignment to the next have been delayed or even lost during the shipment process. As the former Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard and a 35 year military veteran, I know that these kinds of distractions take away from the mission and cause undue stress for family members.

U.S. Transportation Command(TRANSCOM) and the U.S. Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command(SDDC) are responsible for the contractor currently moving the vehicles. TRANSCOM and SDDC are both headquartered in my district at Scott Air Force Base. These commands are critical assets to our nation's defense and I can personally speak to the professionalism and dedication by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Marines and civilians of both Commands. Despite their diligent efforts and oversight of the contractor, there was a breakdown in the system that needs to be addressed. We must get to the bottom of this breakdown, take care of those servicemembers that have waited months for their personal vehicles with no information and ensure this never happens again.

We owe it to these troops and their families to resolve this situation and I hope you will ensure the proper attention is paid when we return to the Capitol in September. I would encourage you to call a hearing of the full Committee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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